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Col Mihajlo Velimirovic, secretary of the Aviation Association, announced at the plenary meeting of the association that it had fulfilled its recruiting plan. Large numbers of young model flyers and model builders attend its schools, and take part in its contests. Young members of the Aviation Society in Ljubljana have perfected the "Triglav" model, which is made in Yugoslavia. Societies belonging to the Aviation Association are building and perfecting "Galeb" and "Orao" models. Three automatic controls for model planes have been made and perfected. Members of the Aviation Association are making their first attempts at flying in jet-propelled models and water models. The model aircraft made by members of the aviation societies have been substantially improved, and the construction of rocket-propelled and jet-propelled models is now being planned. The young model builders of Bosnia and Herzegovina have shown the greatest progress.

The Aviation Society in Belgrade until recently had only 212 members, and the Split Society only 17. The Zagreb Society is one of the best, but some of its officers have thought that only persons actively engaged in aviation should be admitted to membership. The situation would be improved if the officials of more societies had a better understanding of the role of their societies.

The Executive Committee of the Association adopted a resolution to the effect that the aviation societies should set up first- and second-class model plane schools which young people might attend in their spare time. There are many amateurs in Yugoslavia who would be enabled to engage in flying by this means.

A united model aircraft school was founded recently. However, insufficient efforts have been made to obtain materials for the models. None were obtained in Yugoslavia, although rubber, paper, and motors for model aircraft are produced in the country.

Successes have been achieved also in parachuting. Many people in Yugoslavia have made parachute jumps. The Association for the Needs of Parachuting has ample equipment at its disposal, and is making good use of it.

The Plenum resolved to give a cash award to the Aviation Societies in Nis, Zagreb, and Maribor, which have shown the best results to date.

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